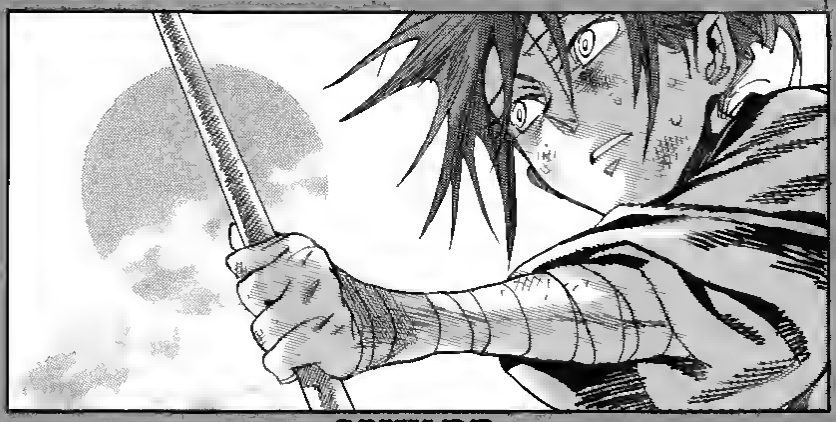
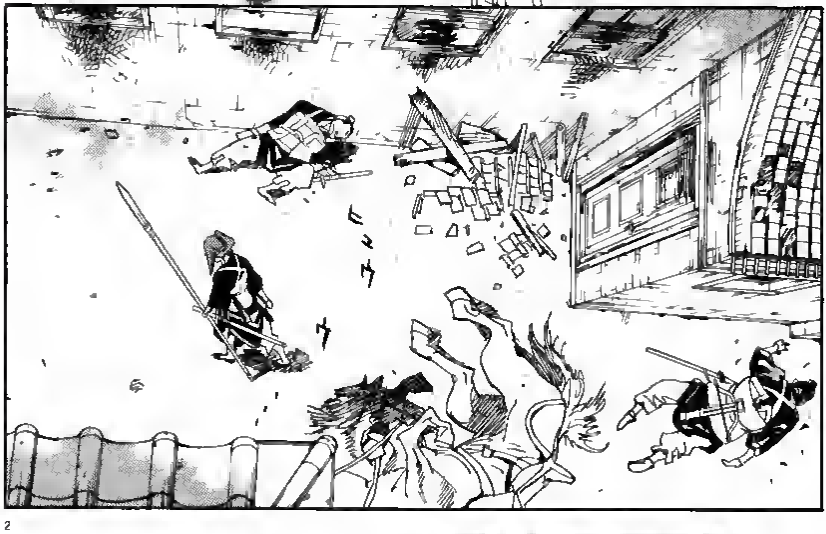


CHAPTER #04 COWARD

My shoulder isn't broken ...
I guess I'm lucky .....
WE'LL WAIT FOR YOU AT XINGQING
YOU GOT IT KIDDO !?



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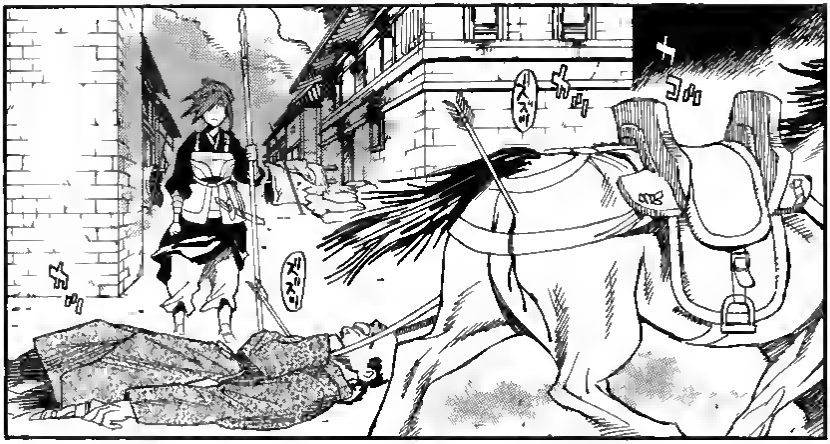
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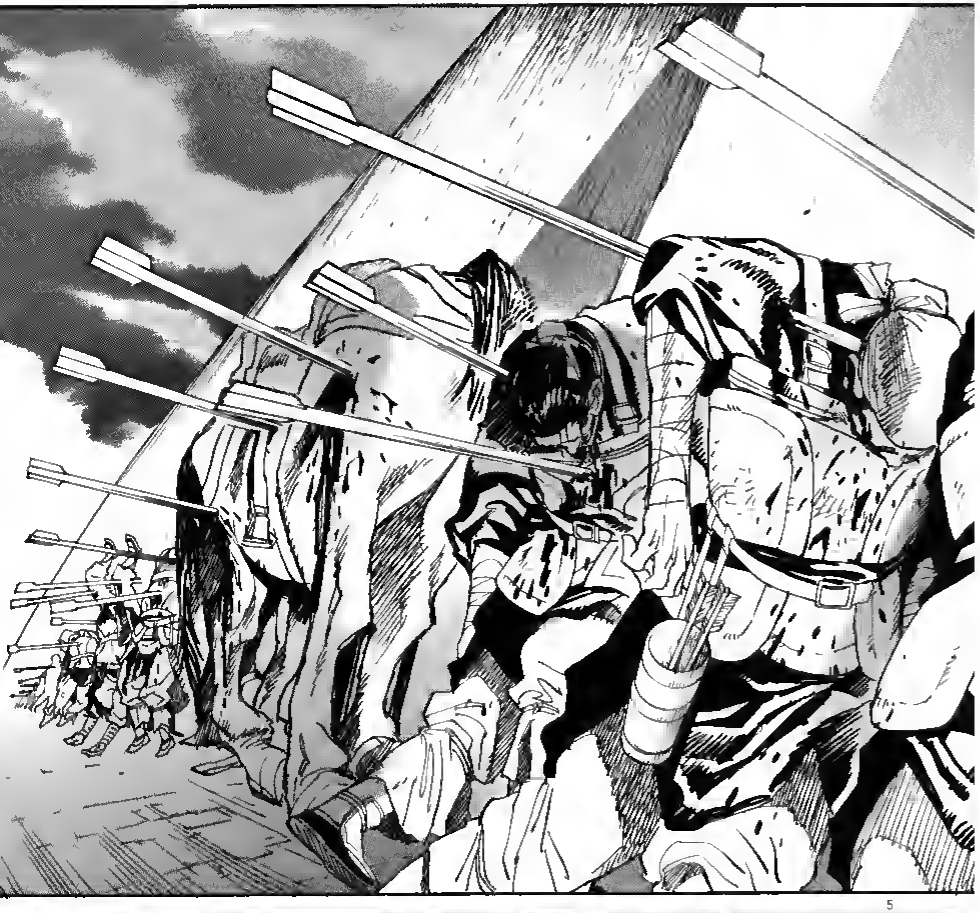

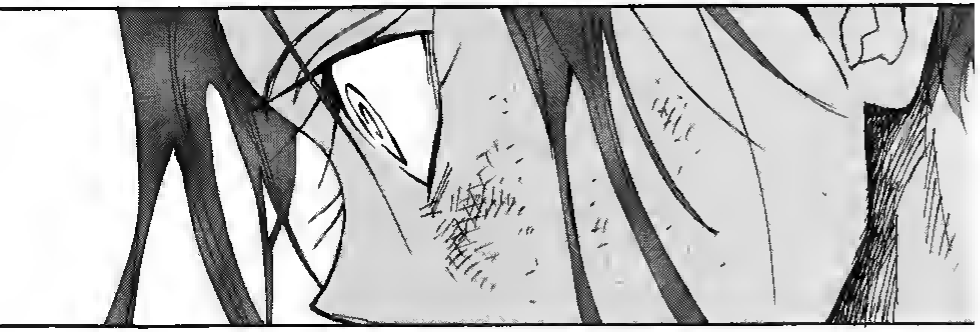

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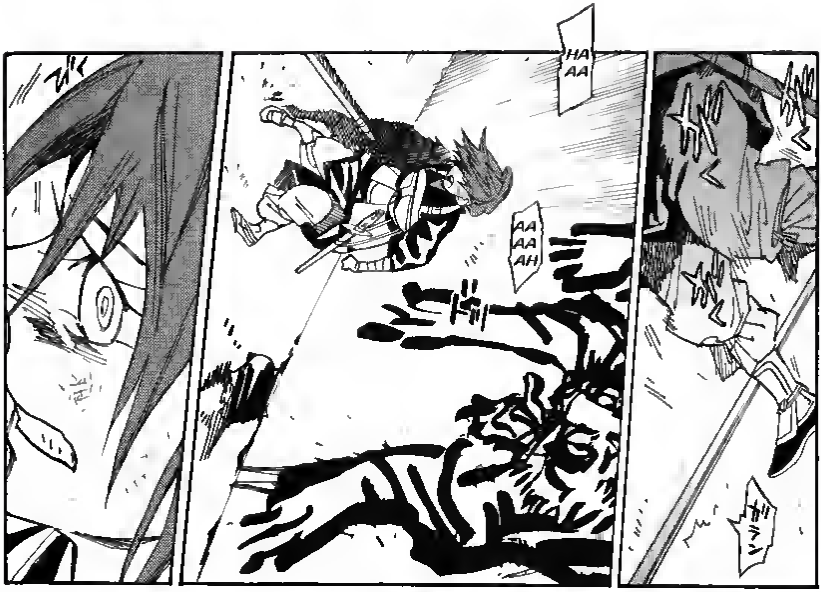
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I will pull that thing out right away
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Uh
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Why won't it come off...?
Shit!
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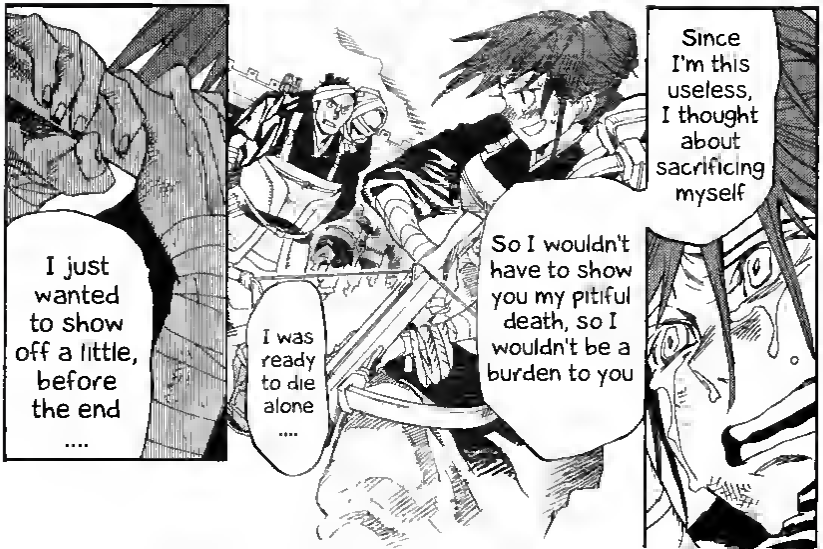
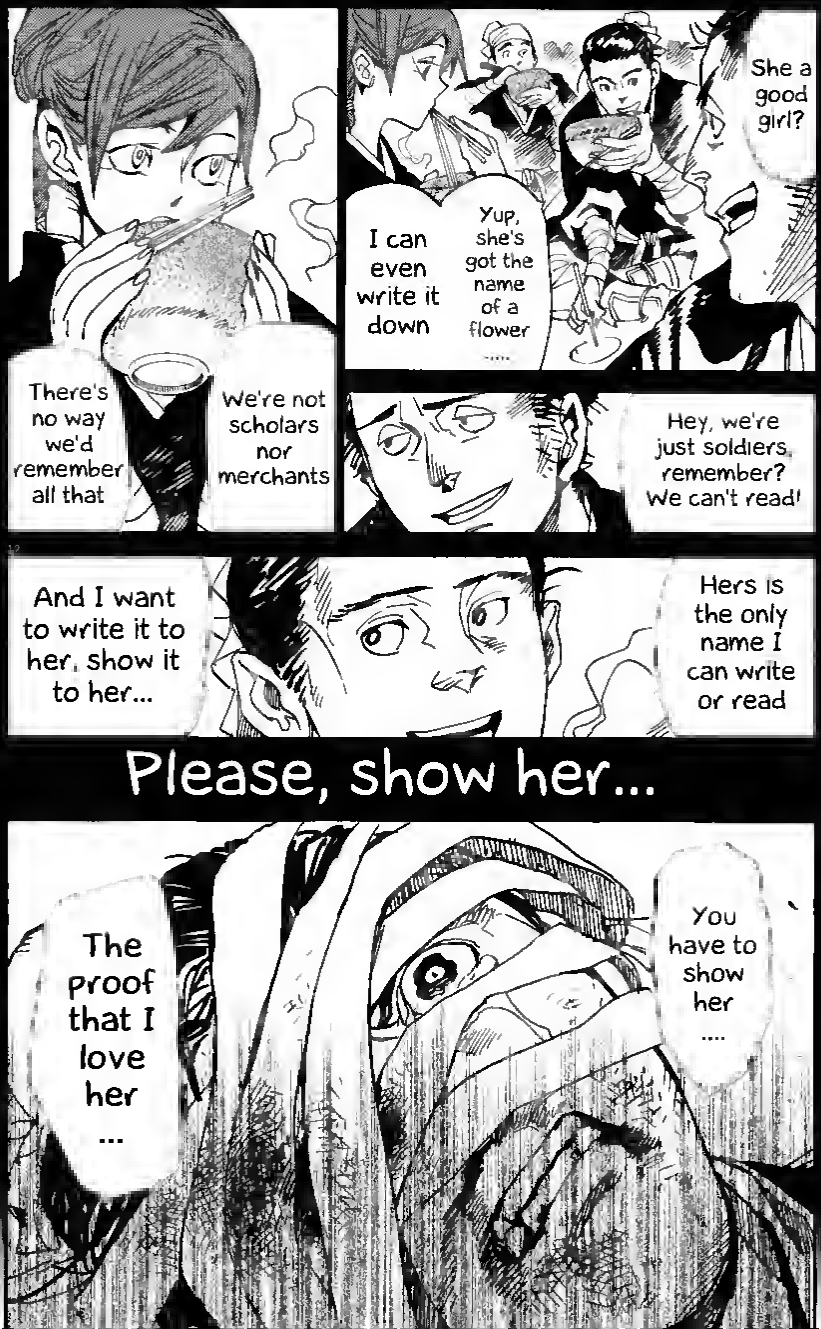
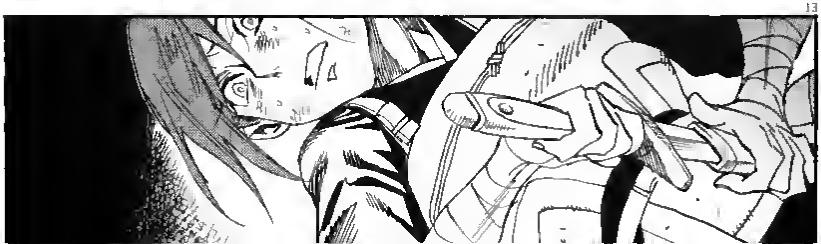
I'm sure you want to lie down a little while ...
You must be tired, Kuihan
I'm not even able to do this for you ....

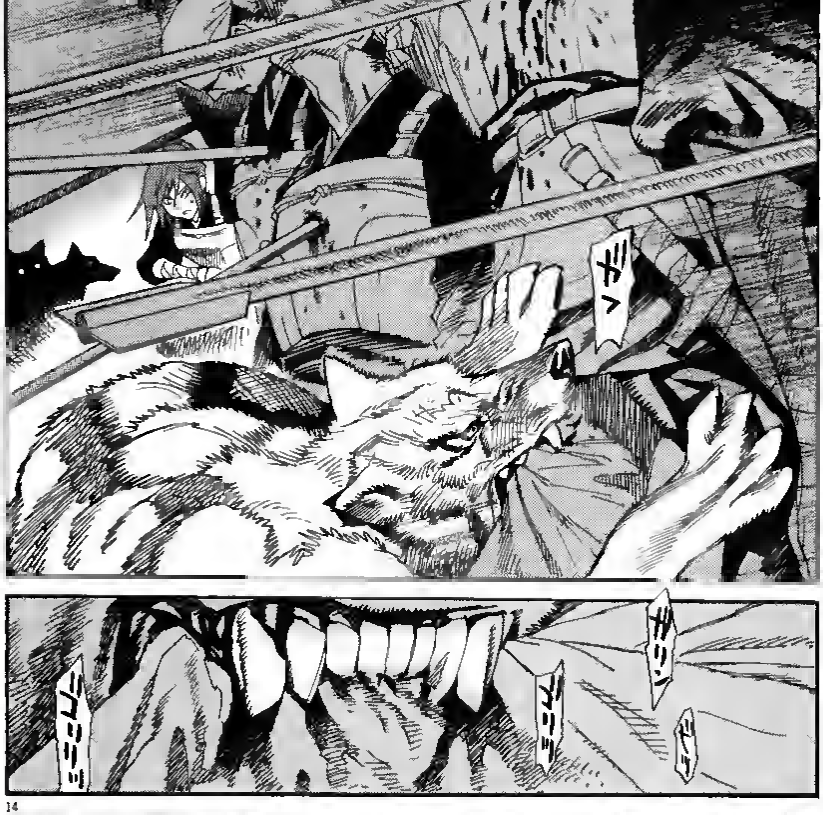

I just wanted to show off a little, before the end ....
I was ready to die alone ....
So I wouldn't have to show you my pitiful death, so I wouldn't be a burden to you
Since I'm this useless, I thought about sacrificing myself

I am a coward
If you like her so much,
then, why did you leave her to come here?
I committed some petty theft, and I had to run away
I'll go back to her once things are settled down
And then, we'll be able to live together


There's no way we'd remember all that
We're not scholars nor merchants
I can even write it down
Yup, she's got the name of a flower .....
She a good girl?
Hey, we're just soldiers, remember? We can't read!
And I want to write it to her, show it to her...
Hers is the only name I can write or read
Please, show her...
You have to show her ....
The proof that I love her ...

Ah





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I did it, Kuihan... Did you see me?

This time, I'll stay with you 'till the end
"Yeah"
"I'm proud of you, lil' sparrow"
This time, we'll stay together

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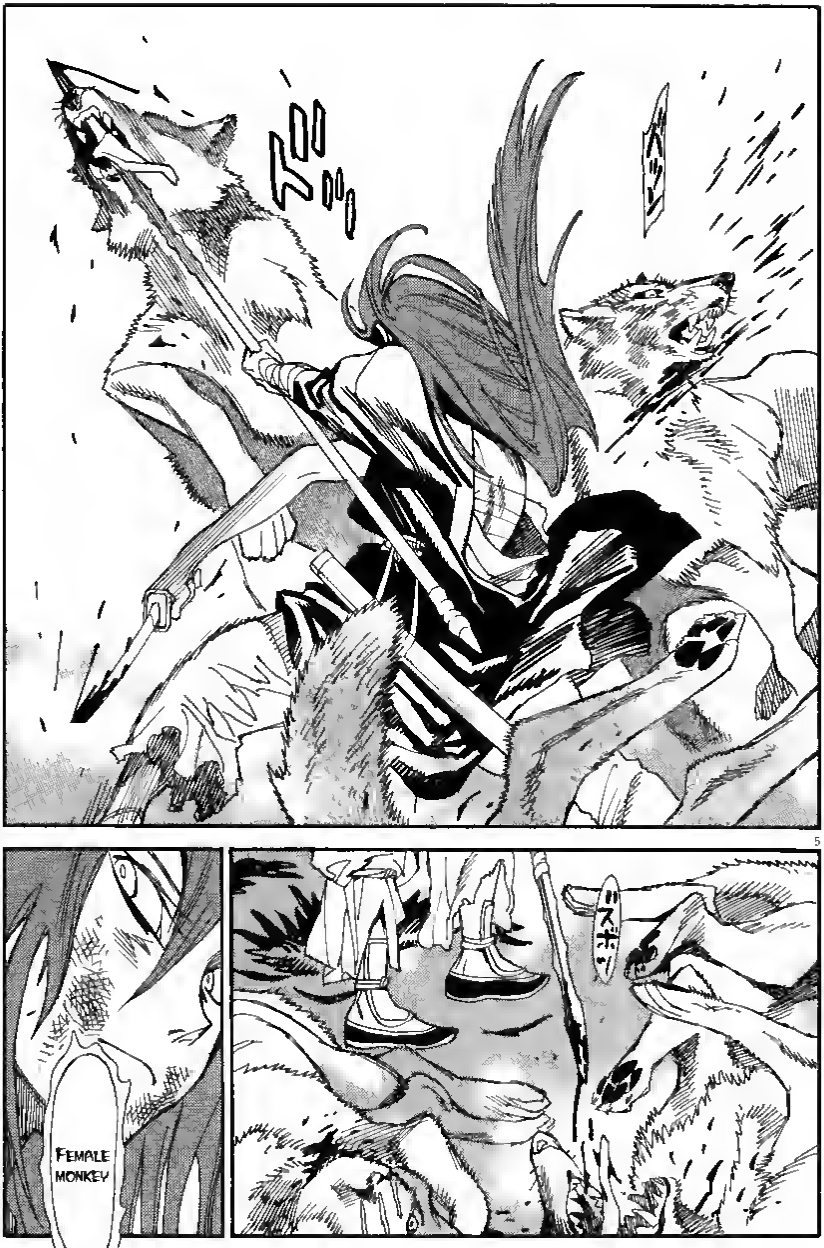
CHAPTER #05 WOLVES

Come at me all you want, it'll end the same way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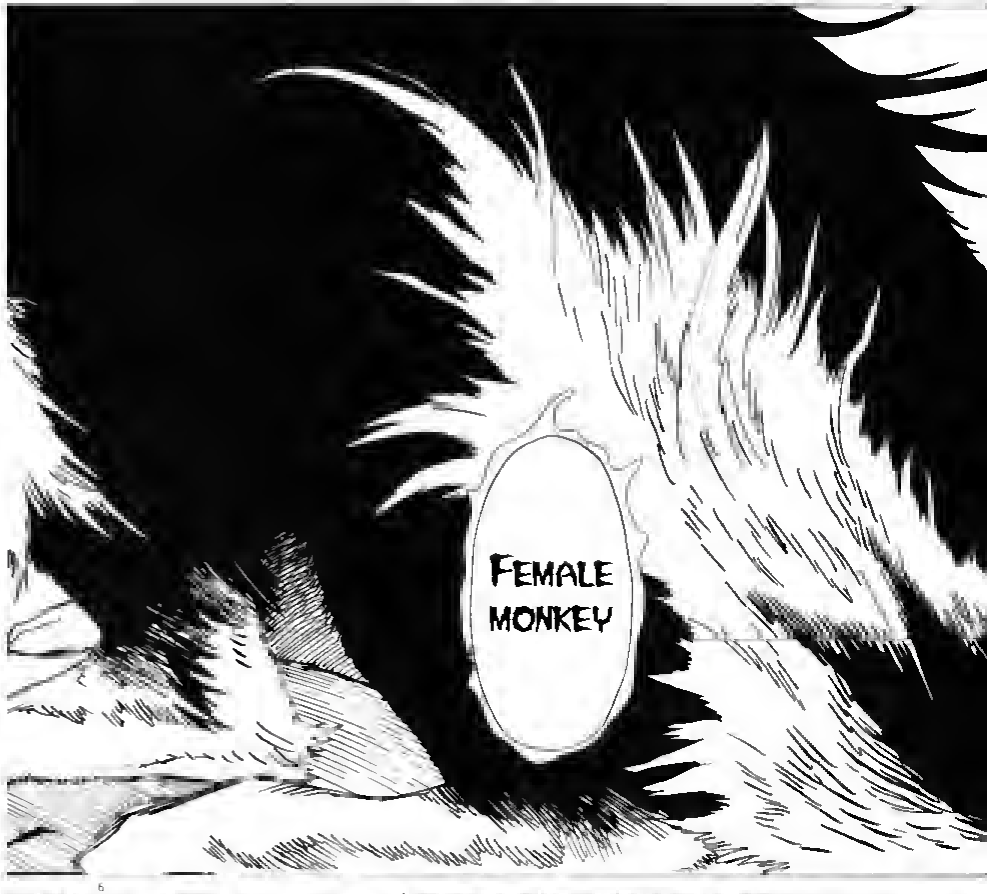
FEMALE MONKEY


FEMALE MONKEY

ALL WE WANT IS TO EAT

WHY DO YOU KILL US?

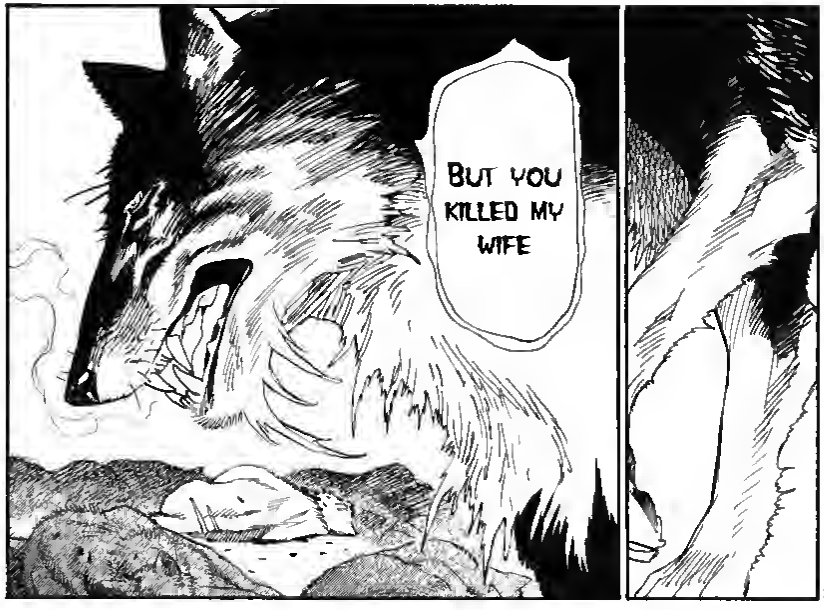
LOOK AT THEM
ALL THAT MADE THEM HUMAN VANISHED LONG AGO
YOUR FRIENDS ARE NO LONGER HERE .....
You beasts ....
I will never let you eat my friends ...
SO MOVE AWAY AND LET US..
IT ALL VANISHED

NO, YOU'RE WRONG !!

Their names, their faces,
the way they lived and died ....

I still remember them
THEN, WHAT AFTER YOUR DEATH ?

AFTER YOU DIE, NOTHING WILL BE LEFT


BUT YOU KILLED MY WIFE
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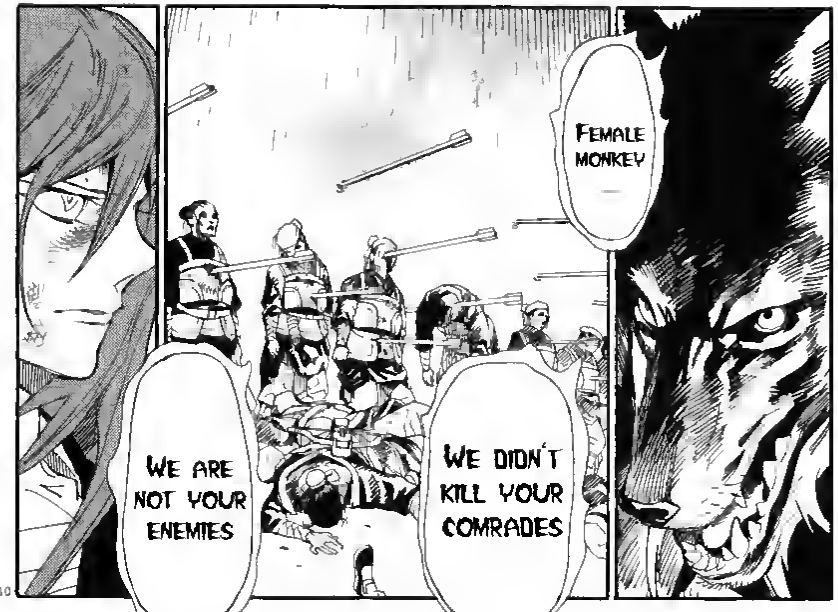
FEMALE MONKEY
WE ARE NOT YOUR ENEMIES
WE DIDN'T KILL YOUR COMRADES
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【第六話】
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I am your enemy ...?
He's monstrous.... With those big jaws, as soon as he catches me, the fight is over...
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Here he comes ...
It will be a long fight ....
I'll need to use my long spear to keep him away while I'm looking for an opening ...

This guy
...

He isn't even trying to dodge ...

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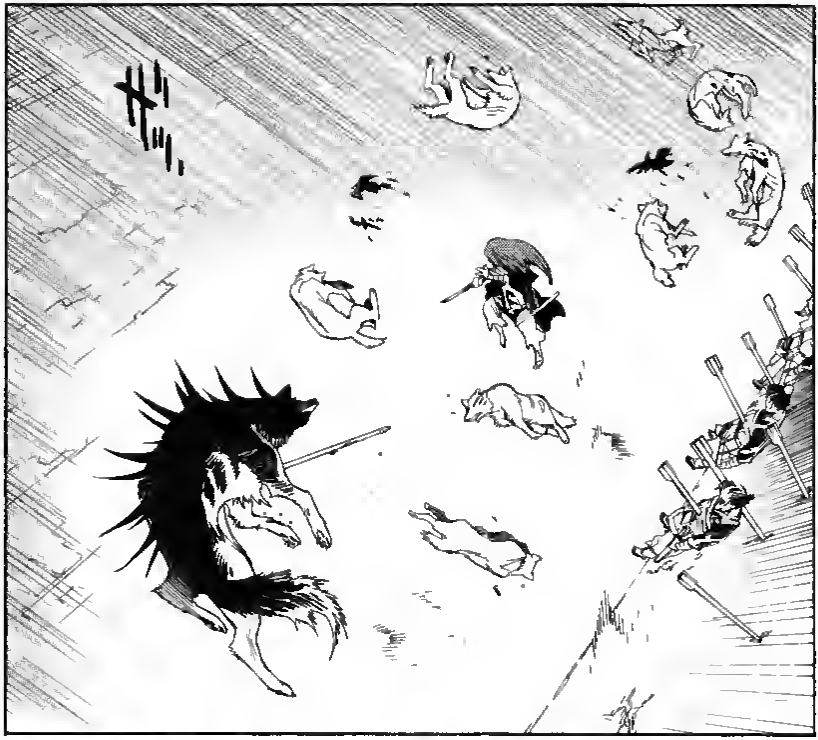

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You fool! You said I'm your enemy?
You say you want revenge !?
You think you'll survive with that wound?
AFTER I KILL YOU, I'LL LIE DOWN ON MY WIFE'S SIDE...
AND SLEEP FOREVER

BOTH YOUR FANGS ARE BROKEN NOW!
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NOW, LET ME DEVOUR YOU

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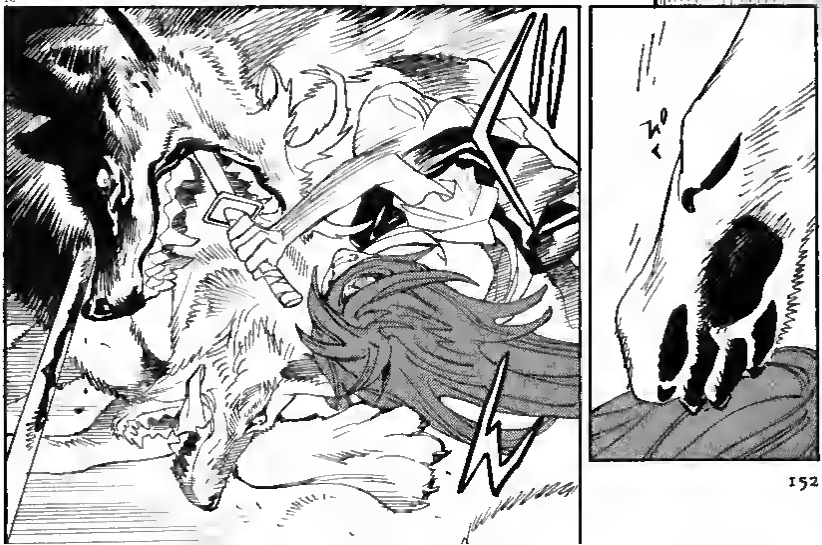

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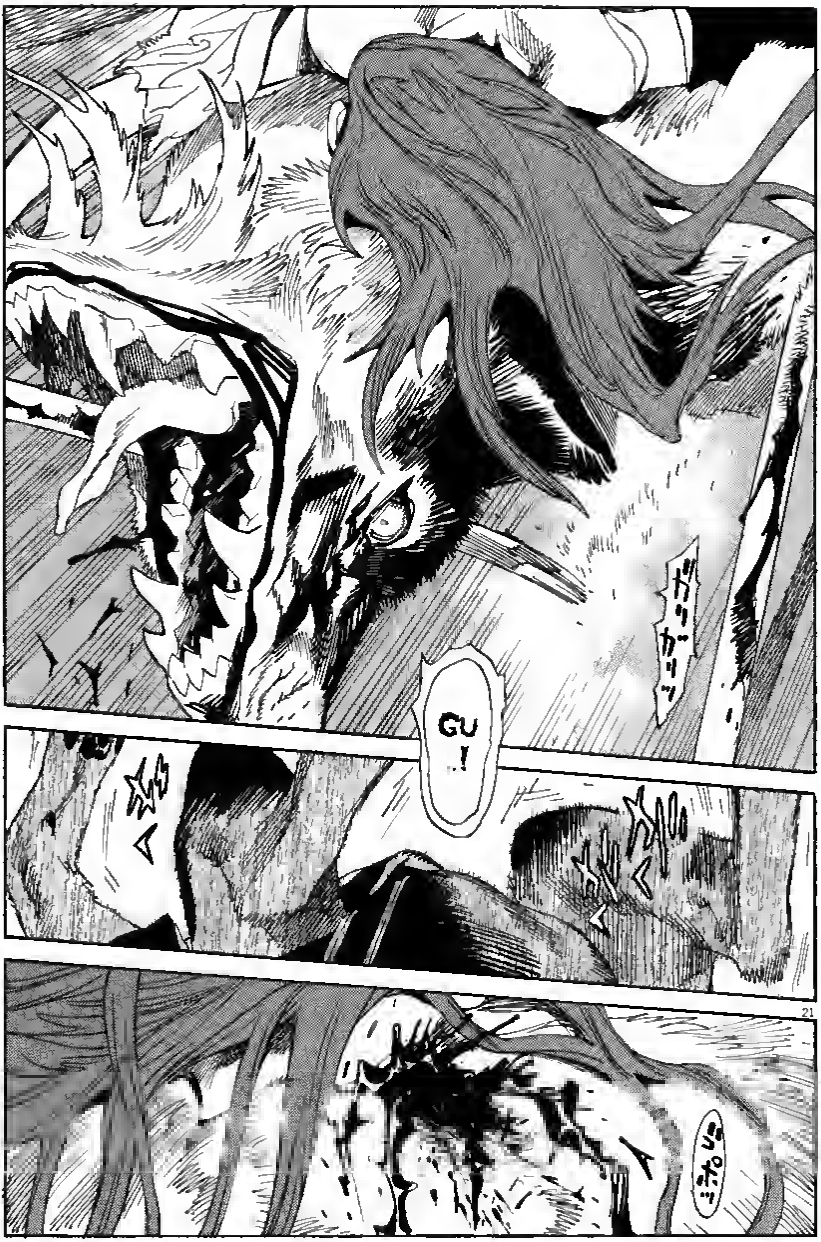
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I thought you treated the dead as food only....
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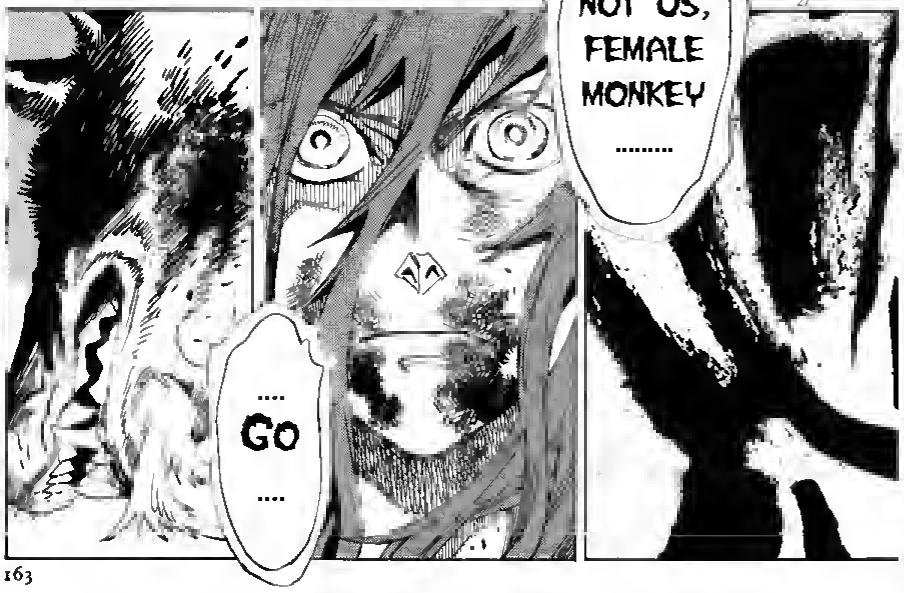
FEMALE MONKEY

I'LL FORGIVE YOUR DIRTY TRICK
FOR YOU DID WHAT YOU HAD TO DO TO SURVIVE

Sur-
vive
...
IF INSTEAD OF
ACCEPTING YOUR FATE AND DIE HERE ALONGSIDE YOUR FRIENDS
...
YOU STILL CHOOSE TO SPEND YOUR LIFE IN VAIN KILLINGS

THEN THE ONE ENEMY YOU SHOULD REALLY GO LOOKING FOR...


IT IS NOT US, FEMALE MONKEY .....
.... GO ....

HERE
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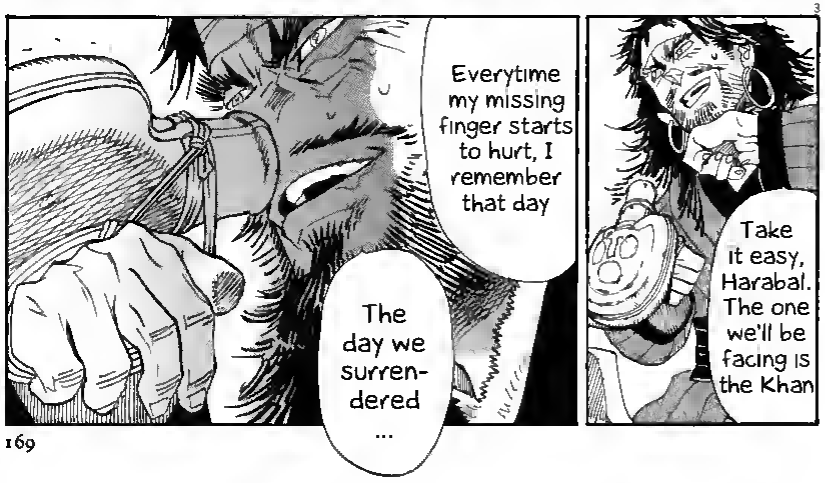
We've got an agreement with the general Bektel
【第七話】兄弟

That he'll ask the Khan to accept us in his army
depending on how good you'd fight in Xingqing

And all those flags, drenched in Tangut soldiers' blood
should be more than enough to show your worth
CHAPTER #07 BROTHERS


Everytime my missing finger starts to hurt, I remember that day
The day we surrendered ...
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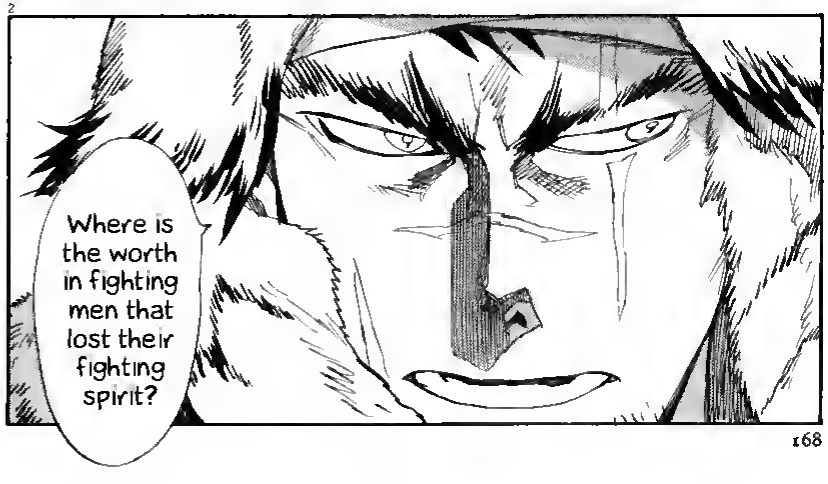
Take it easy, Harabal. The one we'll be facing is the Khan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Where is the worth in fighting men that lost their fighting spirit?

AH !!
AAAAAAAH !!
This way you won't be able to use a bow anymore

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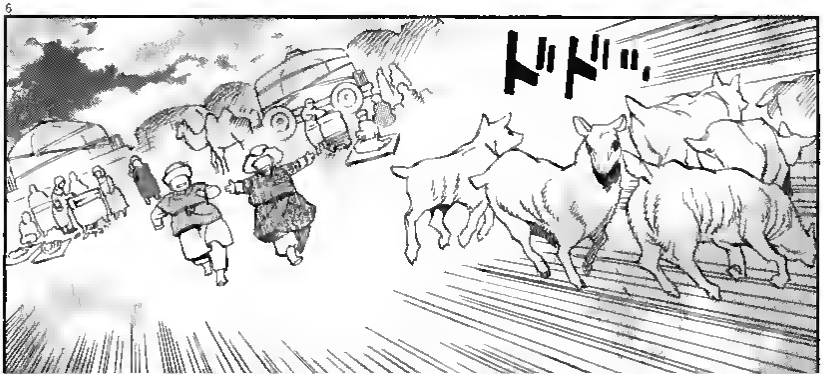
This is for your own sake
I remember that day...
Yurul and that beast share the same eyes ....

It can work, Harabal
If he does recognize our little prince, our clan won't have anything to worry about anymore
All doubts should vanish as soon as the Khan see him

Even if for that, you have to burn everything to the ground
You need to shine during the attack on Xingqing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Good work!
Wel-come back!
Present for you
Boldo

You're growing senile, that woman died long ago...
C'mon, let's have a drink
A gift for your mother
That's the remain of some country that no longer exists..
....So many people

Twice as many since that day ....

The blood of the Tangut will revive the Tsog tribe
Don't hate us
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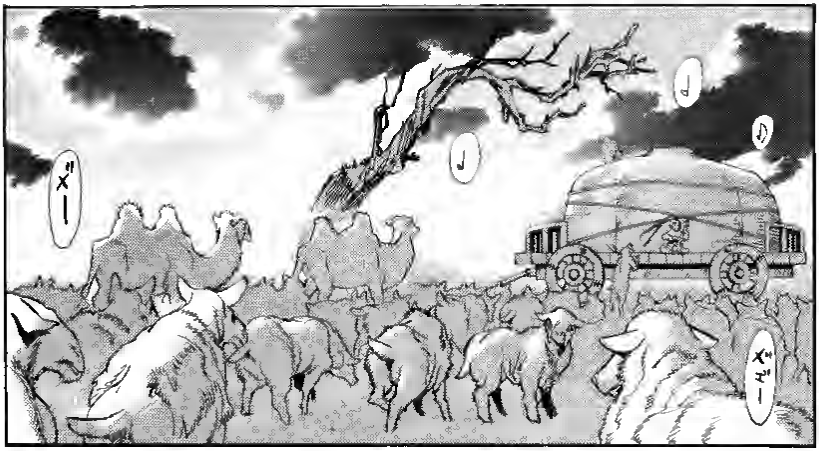
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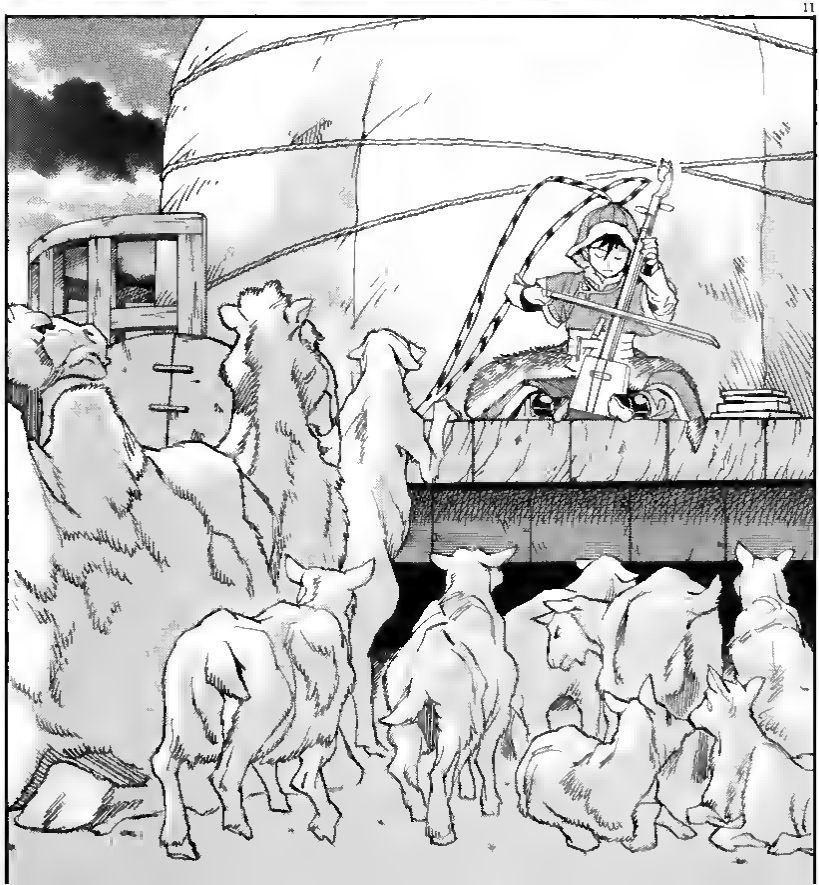

Alone, as usual...
I'm not that good with people
Your music is far too sad, it'll drive people away
They think the things I like are meaning-less...
And I don't like the bow they revere so much...

Are you hurt ?
That's not my blood
Don't try to fight it
It'll come to you

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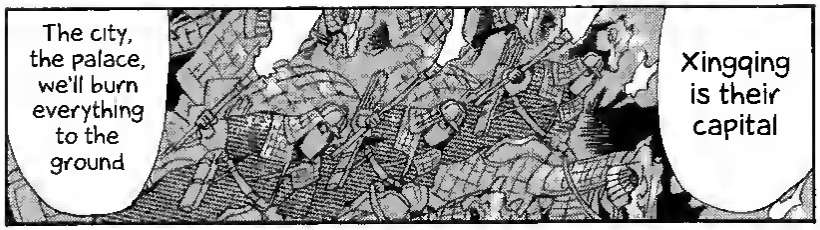
Aren't they boring ?
Those books ?
But.. I do feel kinda tired

DON'T TOUCH IT WITH YOUR BLOODY HANDS !!
You better come back before it starts getting cold
Bro-ther
You're wrong
It's not like that ...
You like books... more than your brother ....?

Will you burn Xingqing too?
Will you destroy the country of our deceased mother?

You are too nice
Even though she was not your mother ...
I will

The Khan utterly loathes the Tangut

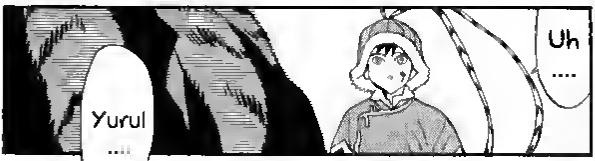

The city, the palace, we'll burn everything to the ground
Xingqing is their capital

Everything that was ever written by the Tangut will go up in flame
Even those books and scriptures you love so much, Yurul

That man wants to erase any proof the Tangut ever lived in this world

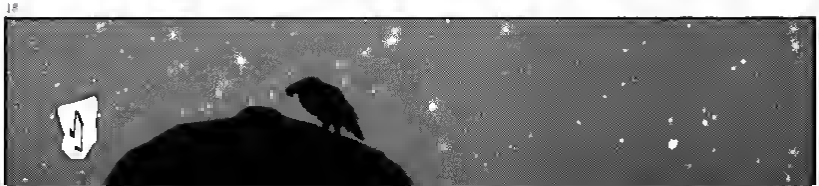
Then I'll eventually find out
If there is anything besides the simple need to hate an enemy

Why ...
So much hatred ....


Uh ....
Yurul ....

You don't like war, that's fine
You won't have to lay your eyes on blood nor fire
Blood doesn't matter you are my little brother
You are a blessing for our tribe

Because I'll be the one doing all of it



Still not done playing, Yurul?
That music makes me wanna bite
It's hurting my ears
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When I listen to it, it's as if...
I was melting, dissovling
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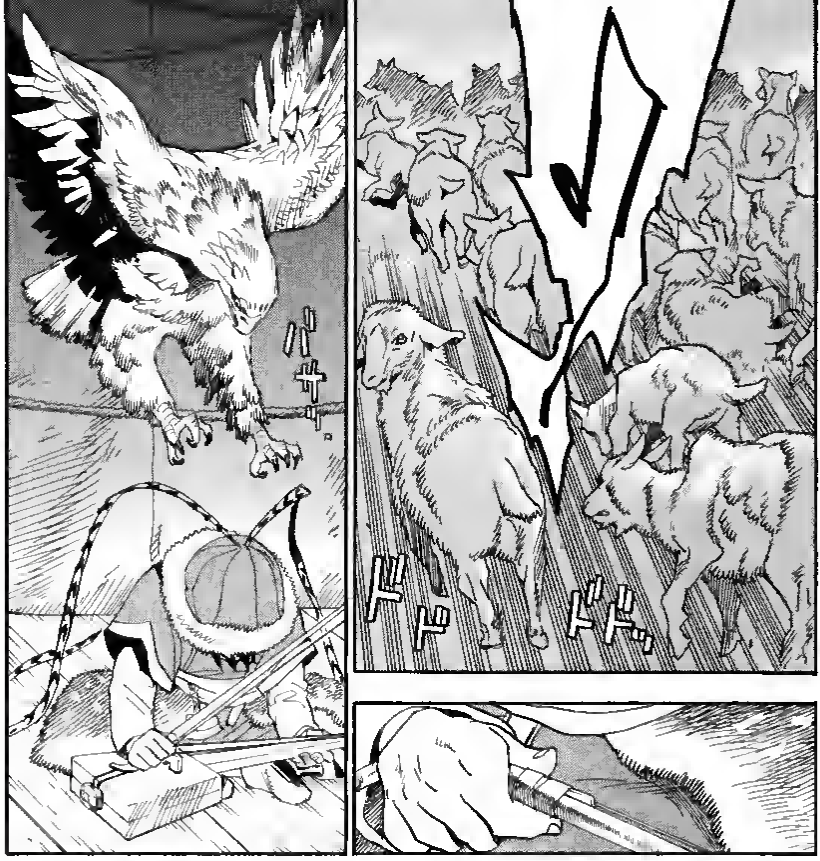
being eaten from the inside...

It's drilling my mind ...
Yurul's music is sometimes so dreadful .....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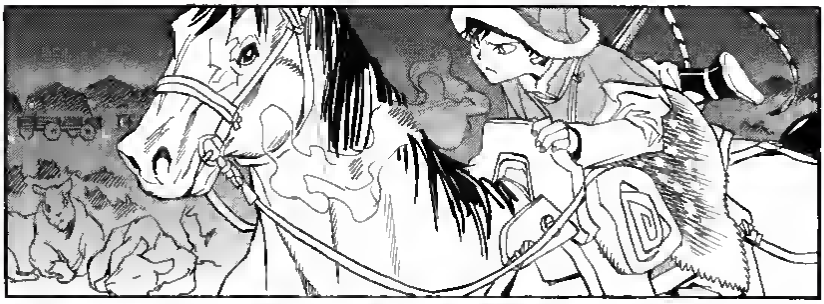

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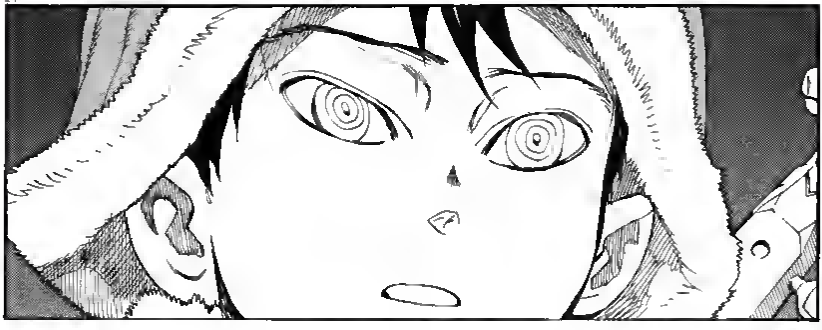

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【第八話】玉音同
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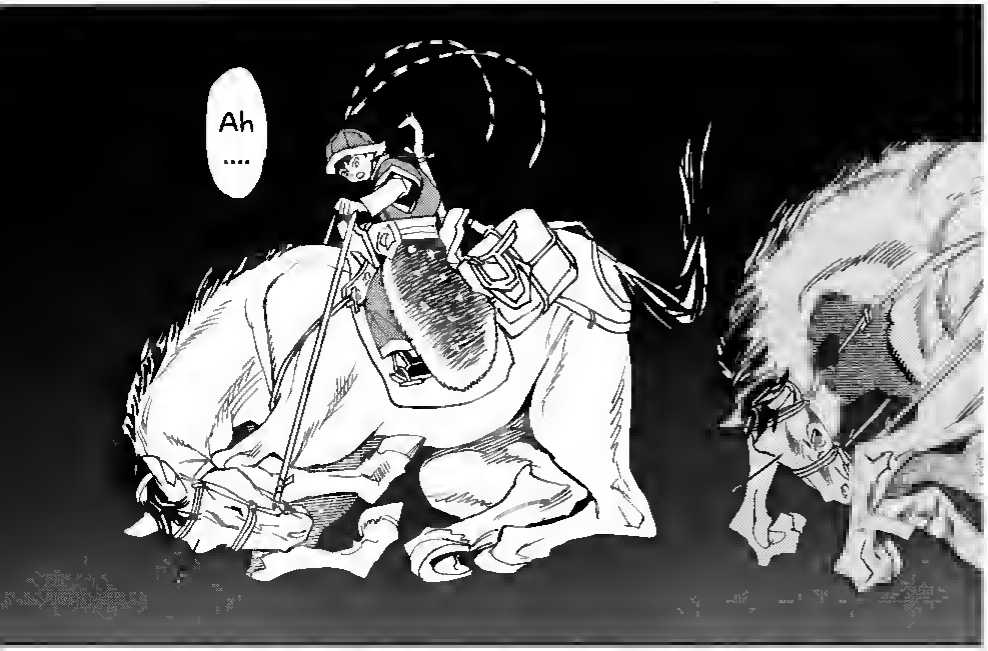
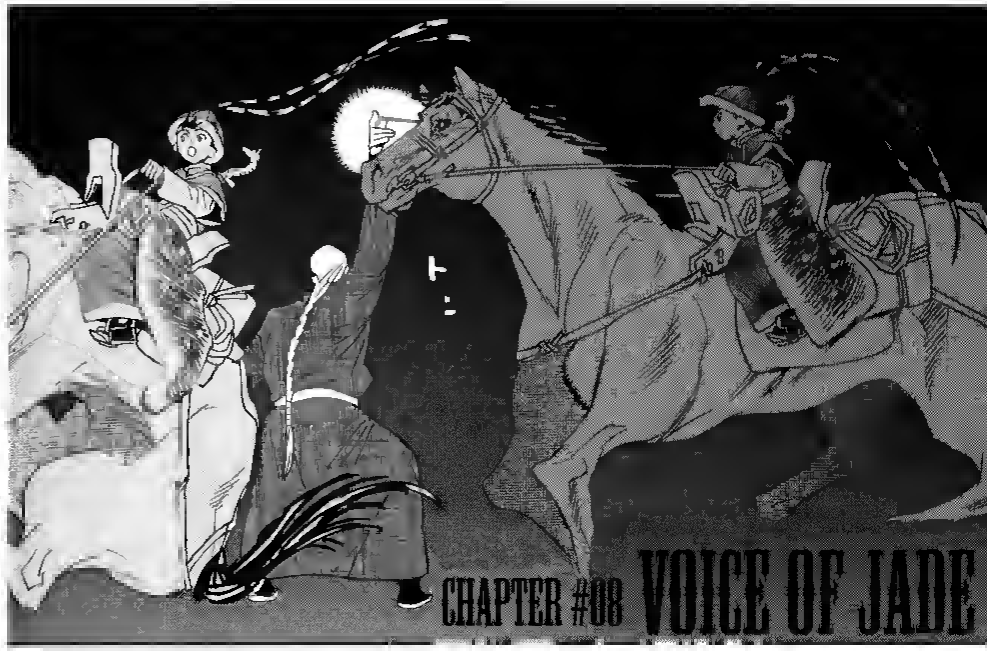
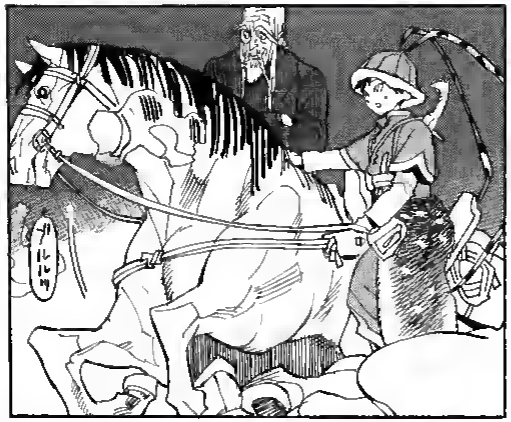
Out of my way
Wait, I said





CHAPTER #08 VOICE OF JADE



Everyone is soundly sleeping
Let's talk
Did you intend
to go to Xingqing ?
Boldo... You...

*Daxia is Xixia honorific name
When Lady Ifa, master Harabal's mother came from Daxia to be a bride,
I was sent with her to be her servant
"Boldo" is a name you Tsog gave me
It's been so long, I'm not sure I even remember my real name now
The Tsog didn't care about my name, and gave me this one instead
5
If you are from Xixia, you should understand me
The writings coming from your country, from Mother Ifa's country, they're beautiful
There's nothing like that on the plain

Books exist so people's soul will carry on forever
Distance and time don't matter anymore, there will always be someone to remember them
Out there, the strong live and the weak die
My soul cannot survive on the plain
Promises, memories, everything is swallowed up....

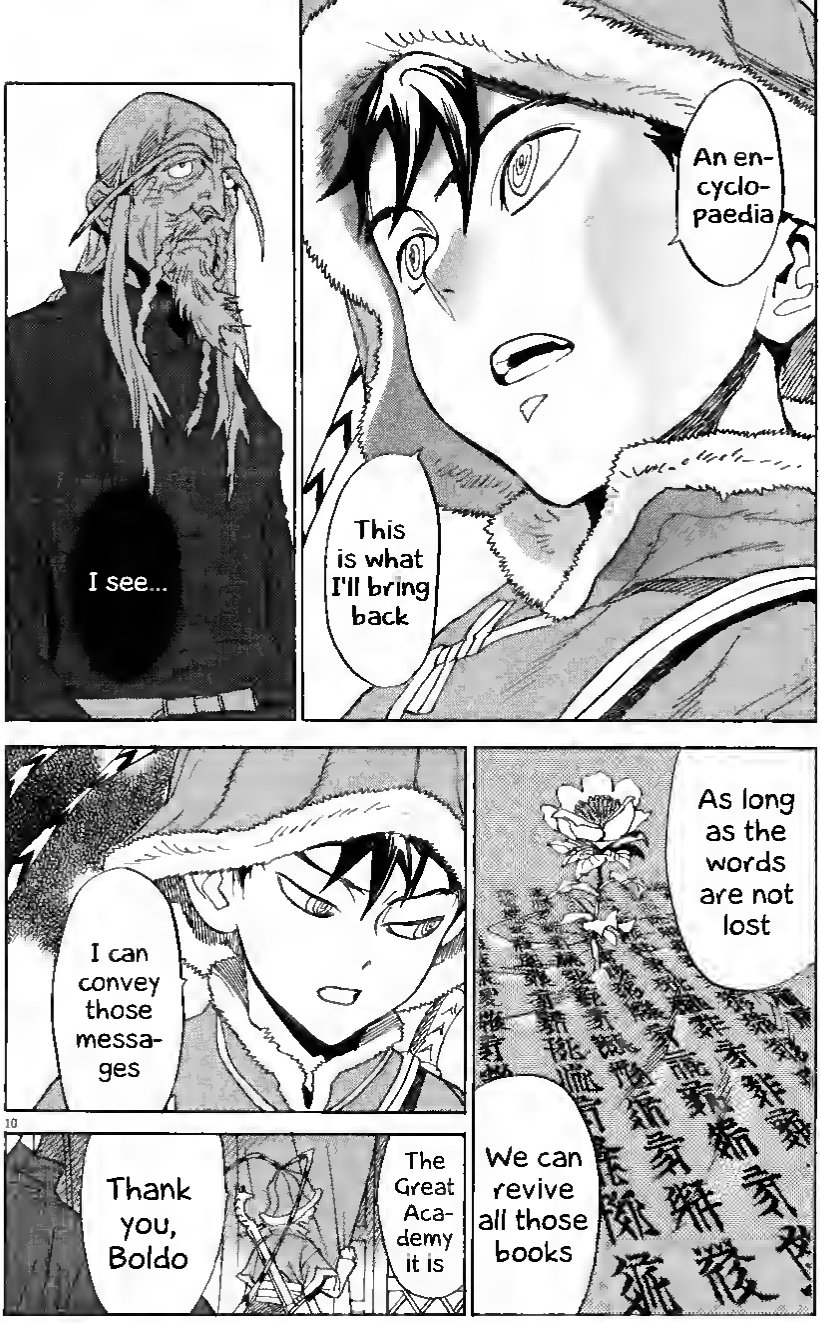
Books are beautiful
Which is one I absolutely adore them

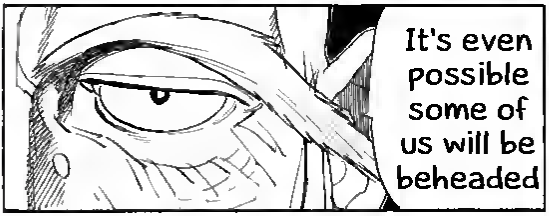
I see ....
And how do you intend to to that, while you're alone and so frail?

I don't think I could protect one city, even less a whole country
But, before everything ends up in flames ....
I want at least to be able to bring back one book .....

From Xixia's point of view, you're just one of their enemy, master Yurul
First, how will you enter Xingqing while all gates are closed?
.....
I'll... think about it...
Alright, then do you have any idea where, inside the city, are those precious books?
....
Ho ho ho
The Great Academy
This is the place where all Xixia's books are written or translated
You may find there tens of thousands of archived documents

Master Yurul, let's say you enter Xingqing
and reach the Aca-demy
How many of those books
do you think you could take back with you, being all by yourself?
History, poetry, music, medicine... among all those books
You'll only be able to take a few
How will you decide which ones to take and which ones to leave?


I see...
This is what I'll bring back
An encyclopaedia
I can convey those messages
As long as the words are not lost
We can revive all those books
The Great Academy it is
Thank you, Boldo


It's even possible some of us will be beheaded

If by morning you're nowhere to be seen, it's us servants the tribe will blame

Please, forgive me...

No... I will go either way...

There will be times when you'll have to trick people, to kill them even
Do you have that kind of resolve?
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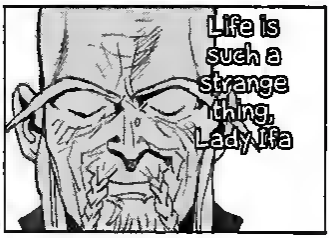
He's just a child..... born from a tribe with no book....
He's not master Harabal, who shares Daxia's blood
And yet, I feel I can entrust him with it

I do
This is why I have to go

there's something I need to show you
Then,


Life is such a strange thing, Lady Ifa

ナニコレ

It still smells like her
Mother Ifa's clothes ?

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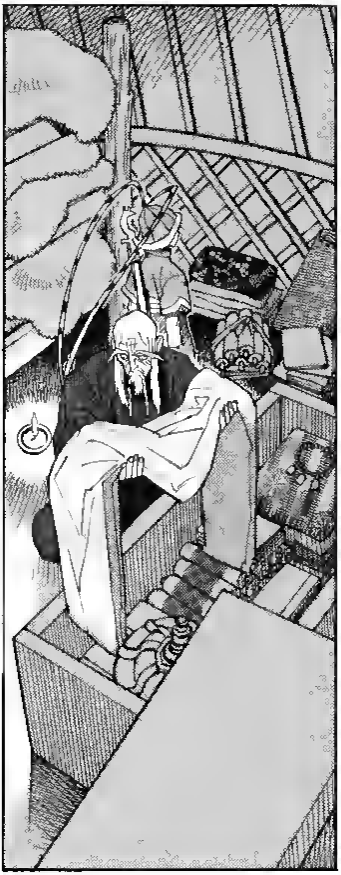

After she died from her illness, she entrusted me with all that was hers

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ドゥ
ガチャ
キィ…
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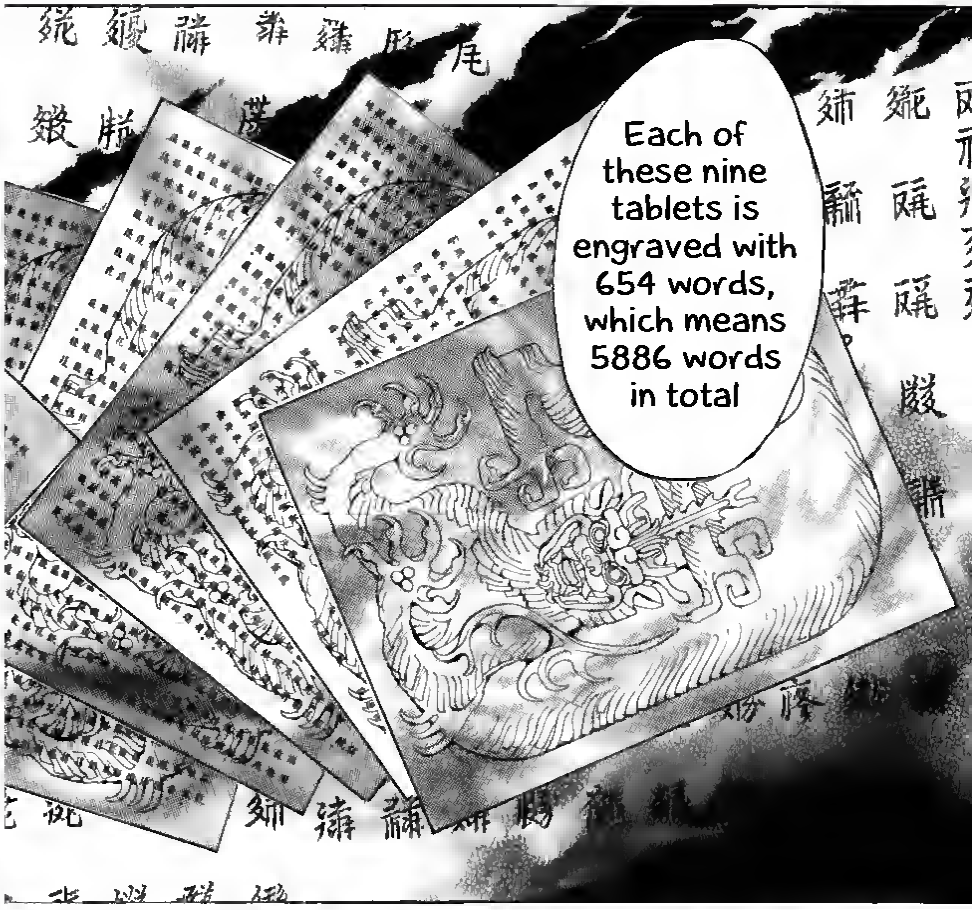
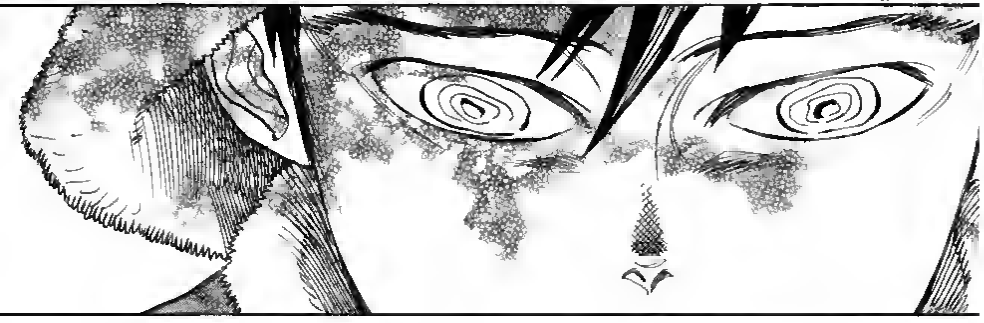
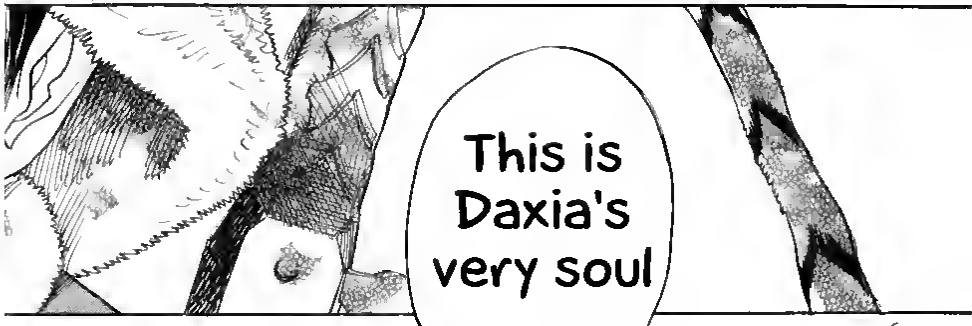
It's heavy ....
Here

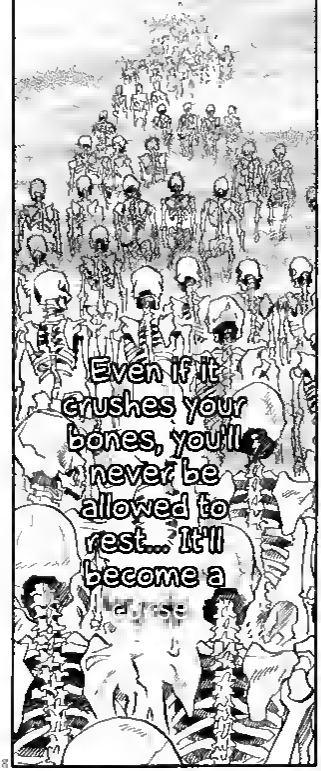
This is the "Voice of Jade", a legacy carved out of jade at the birth of Daxia's culture


Each of these nine tablets is engraved with 654 words, which means 5886 words in total




This is Daxia's very soul

But as you decide to carry that burden, the weight of our hearts and history might end up being too heavy



Will you carry that weight?

This is how I became the old man you see before you today

You said it was a long story, so I guess there's still more to be told, but...
Alright, I think I got it

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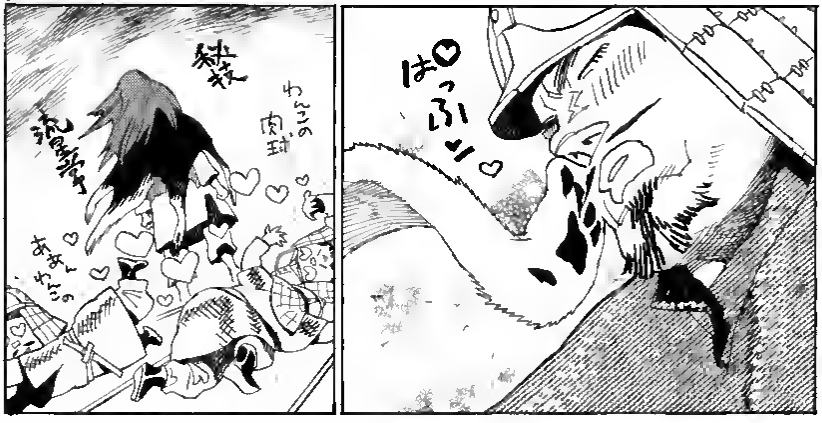
Is this that outrageous treasure of yours?

ミニトルルちゃん
69っ×殺技
その31
流星掌
りゅうせいしょう。
こいつ
だだだだーっ


流星掌
わっふるの肉球
はっふ！

2008年秋…

「シュヴル」PRの機会を得てわしは火死でゴウした…。

Q.「ヒロインはどんな女の子なんですか？」

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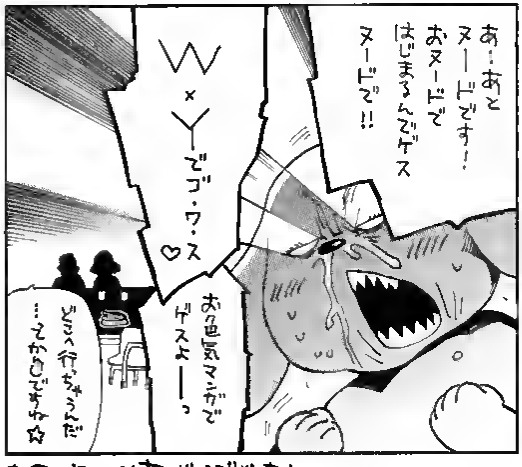

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